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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRESS ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REACTION
TO JERUSALEM LEAKS AND GOI SETTLEMENT POLICY

SUMMARY: PRESS REPORTS EXTENSIVELY DECEMBER 24 ON
SECRETARY'S REACTION TO LEAKS FROM JERUSALEM AND REMARKS ON
NEW GOLAN HEIGHTS SETTLEMENTS. IT SPECULATES THAT JERUSALEM WILL
DOWNPLAY KISSINGER'S REMARKS IN ORDER NOT TO ESCALATE
THE ARGUMENT WITH WASHINGTON. INITIAL EDITORIAL COMMENTARY
IS CRITICAL OF SECRETARY'S CALL TO REFRAIN FROM ESTABLISHING
NEW SETTLEMENTS. WHILE MAARIV REGARDS THE DEMAND AS
UNFRIENDLY, YEDIOT WELCOMES IT BECAUSE IT MARKS THE END
OF THE HONEYMOON IN RELATIONS BETWEEN RABIN AND KISSINGER.
END SUMMARY.

1. WASHINGTON BASED ISRAELI CORRESPONDENTS PROVIDE FACTUAL
COVERAGE AND ANALYSIS OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS REGARDING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ON GOLAN HEIGHTS.
JERUSALEM-POST (BLITZER) IN ADDITION TO CITING FROM PRESS
CONFERENCE, WRITES THAT THE "SECRETARY PUBLICLY REPEATED WHAT
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HE TOLD DINITZ DURING AN UNSCHEDULED MONDAY EVENING MEETING...

ACCORDING TO INFORMED SOURCES HERE, THE SECRETARY WAS ANGRY ESPECIALLY OVER THE LATEST REPORT IN AN ISRAELI NEWSPAPER CONCERNING PRESIDENT FORD'S CONFIDENTIAL DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO ISRAEL... KISSINGER IS ALSO SAID TO HAVE WARNED DINITZ THAT THE US WILL BE UNABLE TO CONTINUE ITS CONFIDENTIAL SECRET COMMUNICATIONS WITH ISRAEL IF SUCH LEAKS CONTINUED. POLITICAL OBSERVERS HERE NOTED THAT KISSINGER...WENT BEYOND VOICING... OPPOSITION TO ADDITIONAL GOLAN SETTLEMENTS BY ADDING THE PHRASE AND ELSEWHERE...KISSINGER'S REMARKS TENDED TO CONFIRM WHAT MOST OBSERVERS HERE REGARD AS THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION THAT A FINAL MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT WILL INVOLVE ONLY MINOR TERRITORIAL ADJUSTMENTS BEYOND THE PRE-1967 BORDERS, AND THAT ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE ADMINISTERED TERRITORIES DIMINISH CHANCES FOR A LASTING PEACE AGREEMENT..."

2. REGARDING THE ISSUE OF PRESS LEAKS, BILTZER CONTINUES, "PRO-ISRAELI OBSERVERS HERE POINTED OUT...THAT THE SECRETARY WHO HAS THE REPUTATION OF BEING ONE OF WASHINGTON'S MOST PROFITIC LEAKERS, WAS ADOPTING A DOUBLE STANDARD, CHASTISING ISRAEL ON THE ONE HAND YET FAILING TO CONCEDE THAT HE TOO LEAKS INFORMATION TO REPORTER WHEN HE THINKS IT WILL HELP HIS CAUSE. ISRAELI SOURCES HERE ARE CRITICAL OF WHAT IS SEEN HERE AS KISSINGER'S LEAK TO COLUMNIST JOSEPH ALSOP..." OTHER WASHINGTON BASED ISRAELI CORRESPONDENTS ALSO REPORT ON KISSINGER-DINITZ UNSCHEDULED MEETING.

3. MAARIV AND YEDIOT COMMENT EDITORIALY ON SECRETARY'S REMARKS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SETTLEMENTS. YEDIOT EDITORIAL NOTES THAT KISSINGER'S ANGER "MARKS THE END OF THE HONEYMOON IN THE RABIN-KISSINGER RELATIONSHIP", AND WELCOMES THIS DEVELOPMENT. YEDIOT ARGUES THAT A SOBER VIEW OF US-ISRAELI RELATIONS IS BETTER THAN ILLUSIONS. TITLE OF MAARIV EDITORIAL IS "WHO DECIDES ON SETTLEMENTS?" ACCORDING TO MAARIV THE US DEMAND AFFECTS ISRAEL'S SOVEREIGNTY TO DECIDE ON SECURITY AND SETTLEMENTS. THE DEMAND NOT TO ESTABLISH SETTLEMENTS IS CONNECTED WITH PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION DEMAND THAT ISRAEL SHOULD NOT ACT AGAINST TERRORIST CONCENTRATIONS WITHOUT PRIOR CON-

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SULTATIONS WITH THE US. THE US POSITION ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENT POLICY, THE EDITORIAL WRITES, "IS A FAR-REACHING DEMAND WHICH CONTAINS AN ATTEMPT TO BRING ABOUT AN IMPOSED SOLUTION MORE THAN IT SHOWS FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION."

4. DAVAR (ESHED) WRITES THAT THERE IS A GROWING CONCERN IN JERUSALEM AND WASHINGTON OVER THE LEAKS HARMING THE

NETWORK OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO STATES...(THE LEAKS)
FORCE JERUSALEM AND WASHINGTON TO TAKE STEPS WHICH THEY
WOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE LEAKS..
KISSINGER'S REMARKS...ARE SEEN IN THIS CONNECTION..."
ESHED ALSO WRITES THAT LEAKS OCCUR IN BOTH CAPITALS, AND
THE BLAME DOES NOT LIE SOLELY WITH JERUSALEM. HE CONCLUDES
THAT ACCORDING TO CIRCLES IN JERUSALEM "THERE WILL BE NO
OTHER WAY BUT TO STOP THE LEAKS IN JERUSALEM, THE SOURCES
OF WHICH CAN BE STOPPED WITHOUT MUCH DIFFICULTY..."

5. YEDIOT (ZIMUKI) HEADLINE STORY NOTES THAT "IN
JERUSALEM THERE IS A TENDENCY TO REFRAIN FROM
ESCALATING THE ARGUMENT WITH THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION...
EVEN FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC REMARKS MADE BY KISSINGER...
HOWEVER, JERUSALEM IS CONSIDERING THE WAY THAT ISRAEL SHOULD
REACT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO KISSINGER'S REMARKS
(RE IMPACT OF GOI SETTLEMENT POLICY ON NEGOTIATIONS), PART-
ICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THEY ARE NOT TRUE. IT IS
EMPHASIZED THAT PRESIDENT ASAD WAS THE ONE WHO DISRUPTED THE
POLITICAL MOVES BY REFUSING TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT FORD.
HE IS ALSO THE ONE WHO IS TRYING TO BLOCK THE GENEVA
CONFERENCE IN THE SAME WAY THAT HE IS AGAINST ANY
NEGOTIATIONS EFFORTS..."
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